

# Bamboo Fencer

## **Installing the 1" Bamboo Friendly Fence (BFF) to an existing panel fence:**

*You may also use the chain link instruction and attach using wire instead of screws provided you are able to wrap the wire around the horizontal rail or vertical pickets.*

### **Tools and materials needed:**

- Drill
- 18 x #8 x 2" long deck screws/8' section of fence (we recommend a tan color deck screw when available, it will look better)
- #8 Countersink drill bit
- Screw driver bit (to match the type of screw head that you purchased, typically Philips head)
- 2 people

### **Before you begin:**

Make sure that the fence that you are attaching your Bamboo Friendly Fence to is structurally intact and that the posts are securely in the ground.

Make sure that the screws that you are using will not penetrate through opposite side of the panel fence. You may need shorter screws.

Make sure that you have the top node cut facing up.

### **Installation:**

- Unroll the fence in 2' increments with 1 person holding the fence
- Pre-drill the top corner of the fence with a just a slight countersink (as to not drill though the outside wall of the bamboo completely)
- Secure the BFF with the screws (do not over tighten as this will split the bamboo)
- Be sure that the BFF is level when securing the screws.
- Repeat the above step every 10" or so at the top and bottom or as needed to keep the fence securely in place.

### **Tips:**

It is preferable to keep the fence above ground level so that it does not sit on or in the ground. When exposed to constant moisture the fence will begin to deteriorate faster. You can do this by placing a 2x4 on the ground as support while installing the fence.

### **Longevity:**

On our web site we give you a general guideline as to how long you may expect your fence to last. Please note that all fences are dependent on the structure that holds them up and how well they are secured.

**Maintenance:**

It is important to check your connection points from time to time to time to make sure that the fence is always securely fastened. We also recommend to check the strength of the structure that the fence is attached to (the posts and rails) to make sure that they are not failing over time.

It is very difficult to maintain the color of your fence when it is outside. Like all woods bamboo and other rolled fence materials typically turn silvery grey over time. The change in color varies a lot depending on the exposure to sun, rain and other outdoor elements. In areas where there is a lot of moisture the fence may turn a little darker in color.

While your fence will not regain the look you had when it was brand new it can be revitalized by power washing and applying a clear deck sealer (we do not make any particular recommendations for this, please consult your local hardware store or paint store).

Most roll out fences are strong enough to support their own weight up 2 to 3' above an existing fence. Example: attaching a 6' high bamboo fence on a 4' high panel fence.